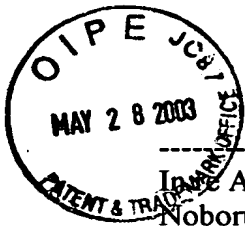


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**PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE AFTER PAYMENT OF ISSUE  
FEE TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION OF AN INFORMATION DISCLOSURE  
STATEMENT UNDER § 1.97 (37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(2))**

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for the withdrawal of the above-referenced application from issue. The issue fee for this case was mailed on April 4, 2003. The reason for requesting withdrawal from issue is to allow the filing of a Request for Continued Examination and consideration of an Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.114(c). A Request for Continued Examination as well as an Information Disclosure Statement accompanies this Petition.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) to Deposit Account No. 23-1950. A duplicate of this page is attached.

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Enclosures: Request for Continued Examination  
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